

Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method of separating two layers of material from one another in such a way that the two separated layers of material are essentially fully preserved. An interface between the two
5 layers of material at which the layers of material are to be separated, or a region in the vicinity of the interface, is exposed to electromagnetic radiation through one of the two layers of material. The electromagnetic radiation is absorbed at the interface or in the region in the vicinity of the
10 interface and the absorbed radiation energy induces a decomposition of material at the interface.

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